

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF LAWRENCE, INDIANA FIRE-
FIGHTER JEFFREY HOLT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Jeffrey Holt, of the Lawrence Fire Department. For over two decades Jeffrey served the city and residents of Lawrence, Indiana, and we mourn his unexpected death. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Jeffrey Holt's commitment to making the City of Lawrence a safer, better place to live.

The Lawrence Fire Department was established in 1859, and is located in Lawrence, Indiana. The department consists of five firehouses and provides fire and rescue protection to over 47,000 residents for 22 square miles. Being a firefighter is not for the faint of heart. Those who answer the call of duty are motivated by a sense of pride in their community and extraordinary care for their fellow citizens.

Although he was not born in Indiana, Jeffrey was a life-long Hoosier. A graduate of Benton Central High School, Jeffrey began his career in public service with the Otterbein Fire Department. Starting as a firefighter, Jeffrey quickly took on an expanded role within the department, becoming an EMT before joining the Purdue Fire Department in 1985. In 1994 Jeffrey attended paramedic training at Methodist Hospital. After completing his training, Jeffrey began his career with the Lawrence Fire Department in 1996. He served as a Firefighter, Paramedic, Engineer, Lieutenant, Division Chief of Training, and Deputy Chief of Operations.

Jeffrey was passionate about music and was the lead singer of several bands including; the Rich Kids, Renegade, Midian, Illicit Affair, Winston Wolf, and Paper Valley.

Jeffrey and his wife Dr. Lindi Holt were married for almost 20 years. In addition to his wife, Jeffrey is survived by his parents Dr. Donald and Marilyn Holt, step children, Jennifer and Rachel, and many other loving family members.

Jeffrey will be forever missed by his family as well as his colleagues and friends in Lawrence and at the Lawrence Fire Department. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Jeffrey's service to our Hoosier community. I extend my deepest condolences to Jeffrey's family, the Lawrence Fire Department, the City of Lawrence, his friends, and his fellow firefighters who mourn his loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll call vote 167—Yes, and Roll call vote 168—Yes.

KADE GANNON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kade Gannon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kade Gannon is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kade Gannon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kade Gannon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING TONY HOLLAND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young man, Mr. Tony Holland of Oxford, MS, who's currently a student at Mississippi Valley State University.

Tony Holland is the son of Angela Cohran and Tony Holland, Sr. He is one of three siblings to Aaliyah F. Holland and Lydia Holland. Tony was a graduate of the 2015 class of Oxford High School, where he held the position as the senior class President. During his years in High School, Tony was very involved and influential in many of his peer's lives. Tony was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Educators Association and the varsity Cheerleading team, as the school mascot. While in high school Tony decided he wanted to devote his career to children through the field of Elementary Education at the illustrious Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, MS.

In 2015, Tony started his years at Valley, involved with the SGA as the freshmen class Vice President (2015–2016). In 2016–2017, he worked with the Royal Court as Mr. Sophomore and Mr. Junior (2017–2018). Tony has helped serve in the Delta area with the Male Initiative and Valley Trailblazers, tutoring, assisting with campus tours and helping students move on campus. Having to maintain a GPA while helping others throughout the campus and community; programs such as Student Support Services and the University Ambassadors has helped Tony stay on top of his own work and endeavors.

Going into his senior year, Tony is making preparation to start his reign as the next Mr. Mississippi Valley State University, for the academic school year of 2018–2019. Very creative and strong will, Tony ran his campaign platform on Evolve and Empower (E^2). Tony

felt evolving the campus and empowering others was the key to successfully making campus life better. After completing this academic school year, Tony will graduate with honors in May of 2019.

Tony is a proud member of the Zeta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, where he currently serves as the secretary and treasurer.

After graduating from Mississippi Valley State University, Tony plans to teach in the Mississippi Delta while in graduate school at Delta State University in the Master of Education, Educational Administration and Supervision program. After completing graduate school, Tony will seek employment as a principal and continue to move in the direction that God provides for him, going higher and higher in his endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing such a remarkable student, leader, community volunteer, and young man, Mr. Tony Holland for his dedication and hard work to Mississippi Valley State University and the Delta area.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL K. BAKER'S DEDICATION TO THE HOUSE AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Michael K. Baker, the Chief Clerk of the Committee on Ways and Means Committee, who recently left the Committee staff after seven years of dedicated service.

Michael began his Congressional career as an intern under then Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp. Michael shortly joined the Ways and Means Committee staff and served as Clerk over the past seven years under Chairman Camp, Chairman PAUL RYAN, and myself.

During his time with the Committee, Michael has overseen too many hearings to count and markups involving transformational tax, trade, and health care legislation. But at the end of markups that often stretched long into the night, after the crowds had gone home, you could find Michael back at his desk faithfully entering votes and statements into the record. His dedication to the legislative process and commitment to serving the American people is an essential part of the Committee's work. We simply could not have done all we have been able to achieve in recent years without his dedication and hard work.

Some markups, especially those stretching late into the night and involving dozens of amendment votes, would be particularly challenging for someone in Michael's position. But he was always undeterred. At those moments he would turn to those close to him to remind them—with a half-serious, half-joking smile—"We do not have to do this. We get to do this." I truly believe the lives of all Americans are better because of Michael's service at the Committee.

I know I speak for all Members and staff of the Committee on Ways and Means when I